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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed June 12, 2001(paper no. 6).

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is

finally held to be allowable. The Examiner asserts claims 1 and 11 are generic.

The Examiner also asserts the following are patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The species of Figs. 1-6, the species of Figs. 7-10, the species of Figs. 11-15, the species of Fig. 16, the species of Fig. 17, the species of Figs. 18 & 19, the species of Fig. 20 and the species of Fig. 21.

Applicant hereby elects the species of Fig. 16 with traverse. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11 are believed to be readable on this specie.

Respectfully submitted,



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